Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, In the fall of 1883, 30 dentists from across the southern half of the Dakota Territory agreed to hold a dental convention in Watertown; and,

Whereas, On October 25, 1883, six of these dentists met and adopted a constitution and by-laws, elected officials, and formed the Southern Dakota Dental Society; and,

Whereas, The Dental Society held annual membership gatherings since its inception, and later changed the name to the South Dakota Dental Association; and,

Whereas, The Dental Association has held true to its original mission to promote the art and science of dentistry and the oral health of the citizens of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, The Dental Association is now nearly 400 members strong with more than 92 percent of the practicing dentists in the state holding memberships; and,

Whereas, The South Dakota Dental Association will gather at the Sioux Falls Convention Center for its 125th Annual Convention on May 15-17, 2008:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 17, 2008, as

SOUTH DAKOTA DENTAL ASSOCIATION DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State